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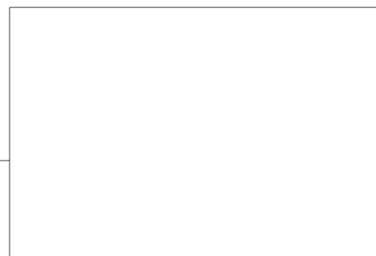
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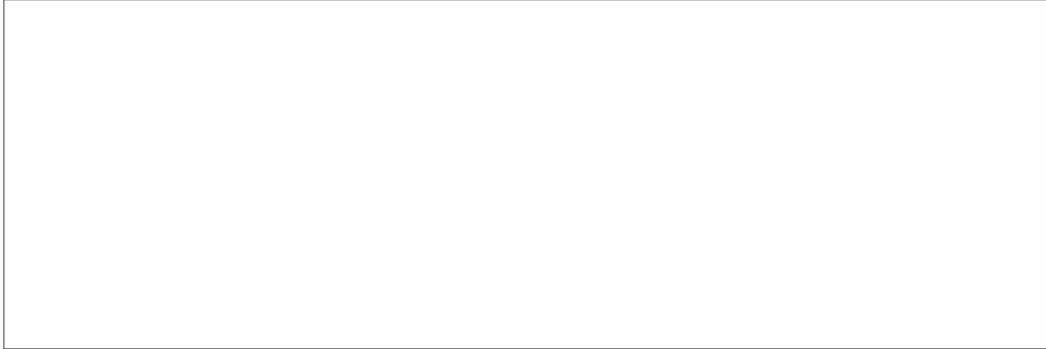
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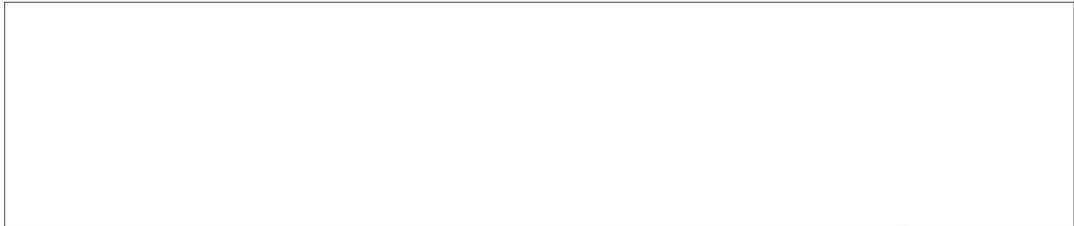
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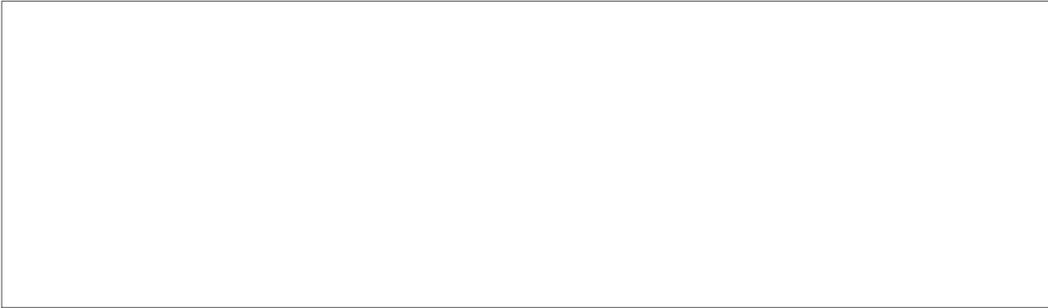
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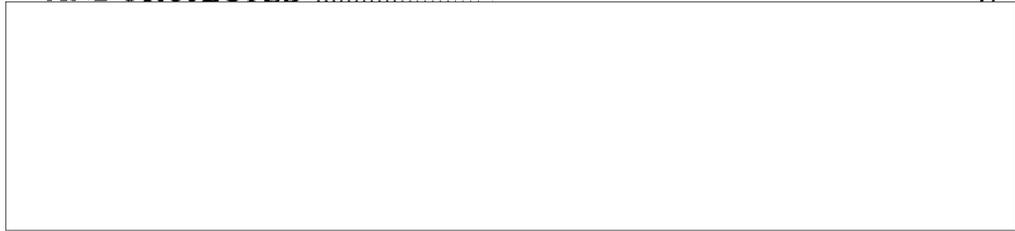
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I. INTRODUCTION

This plan is intended to identify the goals of the Agency's Information Systems Security Program through the end of this decade and to present a strategic plan to be used in achieving these goals. By detailing the Information Systems Security Group's (ISSG's) long-term goals and approaches, it is hoped that this plan will be useful to at least three groups beyond this Office:

- Senior level managers who can use the plan to validate or modify the goals and assumptions as well as the broad resource packages described herein, and to evaluate the rate of progress being made toward agreed upon information handling goals.
- Decision makers in the ADP service and user groups who may refer to this plan to monitor their own elements' overall direction and progress toward the Agency's information security goals.
- Operating managers who are required to make resource allocations based upon these strengthened security requirements. These individuals, it is hoped, will find this document helpful in distinguishing between ADP initiatives which will advance the Agency toward its stated information security goals; those efforts which will not contribute; and those which will actually retard such progress.

In order to serve the functions for which it is intended, this long-term plan must continually reflect upper management's consensus as to where the Agency's information security program should be headed. For this reason, the plan will be revised whenever substantial changes are made or at a minimum of every 2 years. These frequent revisions will reflect anticipated changes in priorities, directions, perceptions and technologies and will allow for midcourse corrections to accommodate progress made and problems encountered.

To prevent this strategic plan from becoming unmanageably large, its contents have been limited to major near and long-term ISSG *management objectives*. A proposed organizational structure to implement these programs; detailed resource projections; a formal Career Development Program (CDP); and our Research and Development (R&D) initiatives to help us accomplish stated objectives are therefore included.

Other related planning documents, such as ISSG's quarterly priorities listings, have been specifically excluded from this overview but are available upon request.

Projections for program areas such as personnel acquisition, integration and development for the period 1985 through 1990 reflect the usual "bowwave" effect, with a tapering off in later years. This approach reflects the decreasing specificity with which the future can be seen as the project moves further out in time. It should not be interpreted, therefore, as signaling a genuinely decreasing budget in the outyears.

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